

When it comes to the implementation of a national No Call List, I firmly believe that it would be the best interest of everyone involved to strongly oppose the creation of such a list. I will be the first to admit that at times it can be very annoying to receive unwanted phone calls; but when I sat down and thought about the issue I decided that telemarketing is a tool used by many businesses that wouldn't be able to survive if there were a nation wide No Call List.

For many non-profit organizations such as the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society, telemarketing is a vital part of raising funds to continue their operations. These types of organizations have been around for many years and play a huge role in improving the quality of life for many people and if they were told that they couldn't call on people for donations, there could be a risk that they wouldn't be able to raise enough funds to continue their operations. It is essential that these types of organizations have the option to use telemarketing to raise funds today and many years into the future.

When I hear of people complaining about receiving telemarketing phone calls, I think about how easy it can be to avoid them if they really want to. If it is such a big deal to someone, there are many different products on the market that an individual can purchase to ensure that they don't receive any unwanted phone calls. Another option could be to simply have caller id on their phones so they don't have to answer them if they don't want to. The option that I use most is to simply answer the phone and politely tell whoever I am talking to that I am not interested. I know that if I was ever in the situation where I had to call on individuals, I wouldn't want to be treated like many telemarketers are.

The idea of creating a national No Call List just doesn't seem like a very good idea. Many businesses depend on telemarketing for their livelihood and taking that away from them would cause more harm than good. How hard is it for someone to answer the phone and listen to someone for a few minutes and to hear what they have to say?